

The Girl With the Mystic Key.

The Girl with The Mystic Key is now in disguise near the corner of Washington and Summer streets.

'The Mystic Key'
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CAN GOLDIN ESCAPE DETECTION?



BORACE GOLDIN, THE ILLUSIONIST.

Horace Goldin, the illusionist, who is appearing at Keith's Theatre, yesterday challenged the BOSTON AMERICAN to allow him to carry the Mysterio Key. He offered to appear at three set times and places in the public streets of Boston, and declared that he could successfully evade capture, even if the AMERICAN should print his photograph and a full description of him.

The AMERICAN accepted Mr. Goldin's challenge, and appointed tomorrow as the day upon which the test is to take place.

Mr. Goldin today sent the following letter to the AMERICAN:

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN, Boston, Mass.:
Sir—Your representative having waited upon me and informed me of your acceptance of my challenge, I hereby notify you that we have come to a satisfactory agreement as to terms. In accordance with this agreement, I will appear at the corner of Summer and Devonshire streets at noon on Friday.

February 14, carry the Mystic Key, for the capture of which the AMERICAN CAN has offered a reward of \$50.

I will appear at Park street and Tremont in the vicinity of the Park Street Church, at 1 o'clock, and I will appear in Scollay Square at 2 o'clock.

After this I shall proceed to Keith's Theatre and shall enter the theatre some time in the vicinity of 3 o'clock, when the offer expires.

I guarantee that I will appear in the street at these three places mentioned and that nobody will be able to discover my identity. If anyone ap-

approaches me and says to me: "Are you the man with the Great Mystery Key?" I will, of course, show him the key and accompany him to the office of the BOSTON AMERICAN, where he will receive \$50.

So sure am I, however, that no one will be able to identify me that I will pay \$25 of my own money in addition to the reward of \$50 offered by the AMERICAN to anyone who approaches me with the proper question before I arrive at the theatre. Sincerely yours,

It will be noticed from the terms of this agreement that any person who captures Mr. Goldin in the streets to-morrow previous to his arrival at Keith's Theatre will receive \$1% in cash.

Mr. Goldin in his challenge criticised the ease with which the person who has carried the Mvetic key in the past have been captured. He declared that they did not show sufficient skill in changing their identity. He does not say how he purposed to escape detection himself.

Mr. Goldin volunteered to permit the AMERICAN to visit his quarters and description. His picture, therefore, is printed today. Mr. Goldin weighs 127 pounds and is five feet four inches in height.

A more complete description of him and several new pictures will be printed in the Key Edition of tomorrow's AMERICAN, which will be on sale in the streets in time to help the public capture him at one of the three places at which he is expected to appear.

Whoever addresses THESE WORDS TO HIM AT ANY ONE OF THE THREE PLACES NAMED IN HIS LETTER WILL RECEIVE \$75 IN GOLD.

MAN WITH MYSTIC KEY TO MEET WESTON WALKERS

The Man with the Great Mystic Key will appear in the crowd at Bunker Hill Monument Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

He will not reveal his identity to anyone unless the person who accosts him wears a Weston button and has walked with the E. P. Weston Walking Club from Roxbury Crossing to the Monument. No one else need ask him.

THE WEATHER

Snow or rain and warmer
day. Friday, snow or
rain, followed by clearing
and colder. Fresh south to
west winds.
High tide, 8:42 a. m., 9:24
m.
Sun rises, 6:45 a. m.; sets,
1:13 p. m.
Moon sets, 4:29 a. m.

WITNESS SWEARS

OIL TRUST

BRIBED

HIS GEN
EMPLOYEE

Sensational Testimony Given at Albany Trial
To-day by Man Who Says He Was Paid to
Betray Secrets—Reported to His Employers

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Marked bills amounting to \$10 paid by secret agents of the Standard Oil Company to Driver **Louis R. Herdick** of the Hisgen Company to report to **New York** all shipments made by the **Four Brothers Oil Company**, of which **Thomas L. Hisgen** is president, were entered as exhibits to day in the suit of the Government against the trust.

Sensational testimony was also introduced by the prosecution to show that oil trust emissaries spied on the Albany plant of the Higsons by night, sought to buy up the employees, granted rebates to customers who bought of the independent concern, and offered to fill their tanks free if they would refuse the Higson oil.

SEEK TO DISSOLVE TRUST.
Attorney John G. Millham, for the Standard, offered objections to all testimony introduced up to 12.30 p.m., when adjournment was taken for a week on the ground that the transactions testified to had no bearing on interstate commerce. The government seeks to dissolve the trust under the Sherman act, alleging that a monopoly exists in respect of trade.

Alleged to have occurred on the stand that the standard offered to cut the price of oil in 1938. Under Hilsen's price and that he was to be paid.

Arthur still was angry when, July 19, 1934, a Pittsfield grocer, source not after, insisted on the Higney, Messers, Tuttle and Allen, the Springfield and Pittsfield managers of the Transit, were depose, measured the Higney off 34 1/2, a five-gallon measure and tried to prove that the ship-

OFFERED BRIBE MONEY.

Mr. Hagen tapped him to banker out the reports, kept and burned the bills, which were three ones, a two and a five. Herdick swore that the first ordinary who hired him first intended to be a life insurance

By Henry A. Hagen and Michael P. Niles, former leader of radicals and members of the "Hundred."

The Hon. Thomas L. Hagen of Wells, Springfield, Mass., was one for coverage of Massachusetts just fail on the Indiana, where League ticket, resumed his testimony at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after cross examination by Attorney John A. Mc-

OFFERED OIL FREE.

George James H. Kelley of Pittsfield swore that Travel Manager Aiken of the Travel's Pittsfield agent offered to fill his

SAVE FAINTING WOMAN AND BABES FROM FIRE

When it is no longer used, some chapel regularly in its name, Mrs. Mary Hahnke of No. 726 Collins street pointed out the building along a few steps today to explain from here which reached the tenement house at the corner of Wall and Collins streets from this entrance to the

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Awakened y Smoker
 Mrs. Helene, who is known for the speed of smoke, set first on the safety of her children, finding little Samuel was asleep, she picked up a way, through the smoke filled room to the window, and seeing the window was all the little fella on the top of the fire.

Smoke Blocks Escape.

The smoke blocked the two different exits to the 10th-story landing and the men tried to go farther on toward the roof.

But the smoke forced the escape-topping men to turn back and helped themselves only to a brief respite. They were then forced to turn back toward the stairway and had to be helped down by the firemen. One man died and nine others were injured.

Fell Into Swoon.—Last night Miss Emma of Lowell street, owned by one Jack Shaff, gathered her two children and piloted Mrs. Gouldson to the street.

When I reached the house, I saw the Breckys downstairs. I thought I must be early and I did not want to be known for being early. I went into the kitchen, which was to turn out to be my last place to see them. I saw them sitting at the table, and then, when I went back to get the baby, I seemed as though I would push the door open. I saw them sitting at the table, and then, when I went back to get the baby, I seemed as though I would push the door open. I saw them sitting at the table, and then, when I went back to get the baby, I seemed as though I would push the door open.

U. S. TROOPS TO QUELL ALASKAN MINE STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The President has decided to send Federal troops to Fairbanks, Alaska, on account of the disorders growing out of the miners' strike there.

The statement is without information understood that every mine in the town is out on strike. A large number of arrests have been made. Department officials say that although shots have been exchanged there has been no destruction.

YANKEE SHIP WRECKED; MEN ARE RESCUED

The Harriet C. Kerlin was a schooner of 458 tons, 143 feet long, 25 feet beam and was built in 1881 by John Russell at Leesburg, N. S. She was owned by George S. Walls and was commanded by Captain Caswell.

**HORRORS OF MATTEAWAN ASYLUM
WORSE THAN DEATH, DECLARES THAW** SEE NEXT SUNDAY'S AMERICAN

AUTOS TURNED BACK BY SNOW AND ICY ROADS

Three Contestants in World Tour Reach Albany After Fearful Battle with Storm.

NO NEWS OF THE OTHERS

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13. (The Press.)—Three contestants in the world tour of automobiles, which started from New York on Jan. 22, have reached Albany after a fearful battle with storm and snow. The other two contestants, who were expected to reach Albany today, have not yet been heard from.

The three contestants, who are driving a 1925 Ford, a 1925 Buick, and a 1925 Chevrolet, have been delayed by heavy snow and ice on the roads. They are expected to reach Albany today, but the other two contestants, who were expected to reach Albany today, have not yet been heard from.

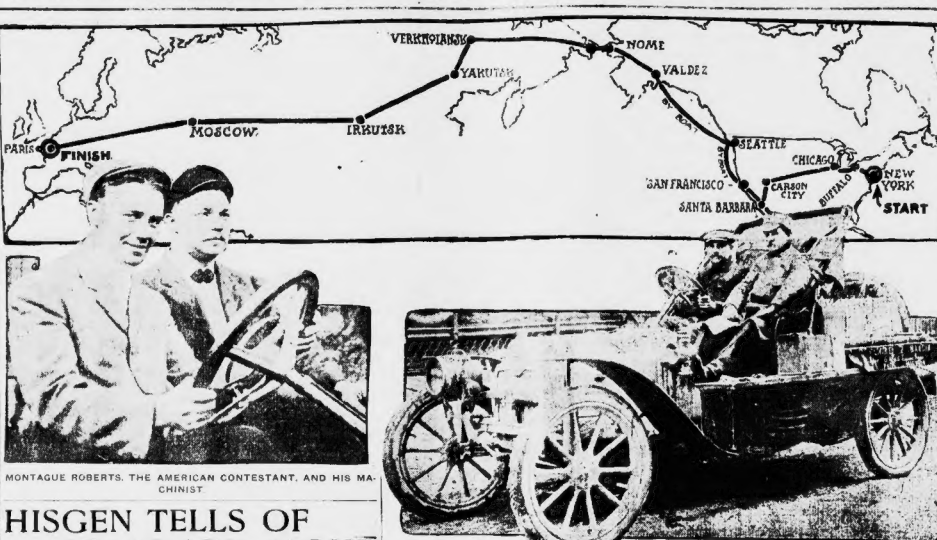
Journey of World Drivers

All the men from Albany to Albany, N. Y., have been delayed by heavy snow and ice on the roads. They are expected to reach Albany today, but the other two contestants, who were expected to reach Albany today, have not yet been heard from.

Banquet Vainly Waits

The Albany Automobile Club has arranged a banquet for the three contestants, but the banquet has been postponed until the contestants have reached Albany. The banquet is expected to be held at the Albany Hotel.

Route of Great New York to Paris Auto Race Over Three Continents



MONTAGUE ROBERTS, THE AMERICAN CONTESTANT, AND HIS MACHINIST

HISGEN TELLS OF STANDARD FIGHT

Continued from First Page.

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\$50,000 Trust Lawyer Loses

A trust lawyer has lost a \$50,000 trust. The lawyer, who is a well-known oilman, was fighting for the Standard Oil Company. The fight was a long and hard one, and it was not until the Standard Oil Company was defeated that the lawyer was able to win the fight.

Hisgen Cool Under Fire

Hisgen, who is a well-known oilman, was fighting for the Standard Oil Company. The fight was a long and hard one, and it was not until the Standard Oil Company was defeated that Hisgen was able to win the fight.

Who Fired Hisgen Plant?

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Do You Wear Pants?

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Work for Repair Shop

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Holds Up List of Twenty

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Wholesale Stock S. W. Loomis & Co. Selling at Big Discount \$10, \$15 and \$20 Suits and Overcoats for \$8.75, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15

TAKE YOUR PICK QUICKLY

Open Saturday Evenings

The Continental Clothing House

Boston's Greatest Clothing Store

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FAIL TO SHAKE CHINESE DEATH TRIAL WITNESS

In the trial of the two Chinese who are charged with killing first of their kind in the United States, the witness failed to shake the Chinese death trial witness.

The witness, who is a well-known oilman, was fighting for the Standard Oil Company. The fight was a long and hard one, and it was not until the Standard Oil Company was defeated that the witness was able to win the fight.

YEGGEMEN GET \$4 IN DOUBLE BREAK

The Yeggemen, who are well-known oilmen, were fighting for the Standard Oil Company. The fight was a long and hard one, and it was not until the Standard Oil Company was defeated that the Yeggemen were able to win the fight.

DAVIES GIVEN BIG TESTIMONIAL

The Davies, who are well-known oilmen, were fighting for the Standard Oil Company. The fight was a long and hard one, and it was not until the Standard Oil Company was defeated that the Davies were able to win the fight.

SPECIAL NOTICE

For Coughs and Colds

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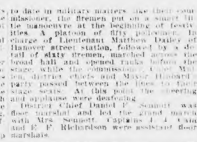
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The petition urges Mr. Frothingham's candidacy for the following reasons: Because of his legislative experience, including his able and conscientious discharge of the important duties as speaker of the House of Representatives for two years, and because of the public spirit displayed in his willingness to give up the congenial duties of that honorable position to take a contested Republican nomination entailing an arduous campaign against Mayor Fitts.

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elsewhere 10¢-10c 1 pound	Max-All	Regular price	sliced, lb	18c	Corn Fed Face of Ramp,	Regular price 10c	5c	Our price Friday, 19c
Our price Friday, 19c	10c, at 7c, 4 for	25c	Fresh Spawn	12c	to roast, per lb.	6 for 25c		19c

LEGAL STAMPS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

NEW WATERVILLE PASTOR.
WATERVILLE, Me., Feb. 13.—Rev. C. E. Johnson of Kansas City has been called to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in this city.

WALL PAPERS
February Sale of Room Lots
at Less Than Half Price.
100 yds. of Paper and 20 Rolls
of Wallpaper, each for
\$1.25. **75c**
100 yds. of Paper and 20 Rolls
of Wallpaper, each for
\$1.25. **\$1.25**
J. H. Stegel Co.—Third Floor.

BARGAIN FRIDAY we will again sell the **finest seasonal merchandise** at **prices 10, 15, and 25% lower** than the lowest prices in any other Special Sale in town. Our reason for this tremendous sacrifice is that we are crowded for space in which to display our new Spring goods now coming in daily. The following specials will more than back up our statement that our prices are 10, 15, and 25% lower than our keenest competitors':

Not the ordinary, cheap, worthless Rings, usually sold for 25c, but rings that are selling every day in the best jewelry stores for \$1.00 each and giving satisfaction. If anybody is prejudiced against these rings on account of the PRICE we'll say this about them: We guarantee that you cannot tell them from the solid gold now nor ten years later, and the settings are so neatly mounted that they have the appearance of \$5.00 and \$10.00 rings, although the regular price is but \$1.00 and the sale price only 25c. Remember all day Friday and Saturday—only 25c.

Settings	
Emeralds	Amethysts
Sapphires	Globs and
Corals and	Painted and
Perls and	Flame and
Brilliant	Flame
Turquoise	Flamed

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\$2.00 per women's \$4.00 pattern blouses OXFORD, heavy, easy, cool \$2.00 per women's \$4.00 suit OXFORD, heavy, walking suits \$1.00 per women's \$2.50 suit PETER PAN, full length, button, piping \$1.25 per women's \$2.50 BUTTON, BOOTS, hand sewn, pattern, piping \$1.25 per women's \$2.50 sk. hand BOOTS, pattern, piping Men's, slacks in Men's Floor Mail orders should include and need third choice. Women's HANDKERCHIEFS, 2/c \$1.00 per women's \$2.00 suit in SEVERAL 35-40 sizes, pattern, piping	79c for \$1.25 nanook CHIFFON, lace and hanger trimmings 89c for \$2.00 SHIRT GOWNS, chemise style, embroidery trimmings Heavy Slacks in Second Floor. Mail orders F.O.D. 40c Eat-on-Hurlbat WRITING PAPER, 18, 19c All paper, large, extra space for left margin. Amount of hand writing and space for left margin. 18c for 100 sheets, 19c for 50 sheets. 7c packet for ENVELOPES to match above papers. Value 32 pc. 12c, 25c and 35c box for 35c to \$1.00 WRITING PAPER. Heavy Slacks in Second Floor. Mail orders F.O.D.	Misses' slacks in Misses' Floor Leather Turkish Rockers \$25.00 per set 40c per set Misses' slacks in Misses' Floor Leather Turkish Rockers \$25.00 per set 40c per set Misses' slacks in Misses' Floor Leather Turkish Rockers \$25.00 per set 40c per set
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50c for many large HANDKERCHIEFS, white or colored.	75c Post Card ALBUMS, each, 35c	Morris' 11c PIC-NIC SHOULDERS, lb., 87c
50c for many large HANDKERCHIEFS, white or colored.	50c for 25 ALBUMS, each, 20c and 30c cards.	Mus-Air Quaker Oats & Breakfast Food, 16 pkg. 5c
Henry Siegel Co.—Main Floor, Mail Orders Filled.	50c for \$1.00 ALBUMS, holding 300 cards. Artistic binding.	New York City, 100c, special Friday
	75c for \$1.50 parlor style ALBUMS, holding 400 cards.	Caller Vany's Fresh broiler, 6 lbs., \$1.00, pound 17c
	Henry Siegel Co.—Second Floor, Mail Orders Filled.	Sampe Vany's Fresh broiler, 5 lbs., \$1.00, pound 22c
50c Emb. FLOWNCINGS, yd. 29c		Baking Powder—Milled brand, 1 lb. can, special 18c
No sample sent outside from the last order of 50c and 29c.		Fresh Garden Squash—1 lb. can, special Friday
29c send the 40c embroidered BANDS AND INSERCTIONS.		Bestine Washing Powder—1 lb. can, special at 9c
15c yd. for 2c and 3c EDGINGS on fine Swiss and lawnlike.		
Henry Siegel Co.—Main Floor, Mail Orders Filled.		

\$2.00 Pure SILK HOSE, pr., 32c 15c for the gutter top LINE THRESH HOSE, double laced. 15c pair for the 32 lb. Standard MAZE HOSE. 20c for 30-lb. hand-embroidered black GAUZE LITTLE HOSE. 50c pair for the heavy 8 SPUN SILK HOSE, all sizes and laced. Henry Mergel Co., Main Floor, Mail orders filled.	
50c Extra PILLOW TOPS 15c	

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Henry Siegel Co.—Main Floor—Mail Orders Filled. Second Floor \$2.00 LAWN WAISTS at 98c Made of fine lawn, with front of muscadine and broad gaiter, cuffs of satin and lace, shirring in back and cuffs finished with satin lace. \$1.49 for \$2.50 FANCY LAWN WAISTS, Anglaise embroidery. \$1.99 for \$3.00 LAWN WAISTS, dainty floral and lattice. \$4.95 for \$7.50 NET WAISTS, dressily made over China silk. Henry Siegel Co.—Second Floor—Mail Orders Filled.		17½¢ yds for 70 rolls of the 3c quality, Friday and Saturday only. 25¢ yds for 60 rolls of the 3c quality, Practically perfect. 85¢ per roll (40 yards) for the 3½¢ quality. Roll covered. 85c LINOLEUMS, Unwearable, sq. yd., 46c For walls, use the ordinary light weight paper, but underneath heavy and durable. Regularly changed at 10¢ per sq. yd. \$30 Large Axminster RUGS at \$19.50 Not carpeted material. The quality is perfect in every respect. See illustration. \$1.95 each for 32 AXMINSTER RUGS, size 27x63. Perfect. Henry Siegel Co.—Third Floor—Mail Orders Filled.		Regular \$1.25 Rubber DOOR MATS 67c 25¢ for 50c heavy rubber CUSPIDOR MATS, octagonal shape. Henry Siegel Co.—Basement—Mail Orders Filled.	
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DOG TAX OPPONENTS ARE CALLED 'CULTURED MOB'

LEAPS FROM AUTO TO RIVER

LIVELY SCENES AT STATE HOUSE AS FRIENDS OF THE CANINES ATTACK NEW BILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A number of persons, including a woman, were injured today on the way to Brooklyn, spring from a car on the Brooklyn Express bridge today, and before any one could get out, the car fell into the river.

"Clears to Chairman Cowe. I demand a square deal." He turned over several times as he fell, struck the water a few feet from the landing scow. He reappeared on the surface in a second and was fished out at the dockside on the scow and landed at the foot of Roosevelt street.

523 and 525 Washington Street, Boston	Painbourg Poissoniere, 24, Paris.
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J. G. Small & Co.
New England's
Popular Clock Store

FINAL MARK DOWN SALE!

Positive Clearance of All

Fall and Winter **Clothing**

45 Tailored Suits in broadcloth, chevrons, and men's wear goods; former prices \$19.00 to \$25.00. Sale price **10.00**

38 Fine Tailored Suits, in broadcloth, chevrons, panamas, and fancy mixtures; former prices \$25.00 to \$39.00. Sale price **15.00**

25 Fine Tailored Suits, in imported broadcloths, chiffon panamas, velvet, and silk; former prices \$40.00 **19.99**

Velvet Suits. Brand trimmed, double-breasted, full-skirted. Match coat. Former price \$79. **Now \$39.00**

Jumper, made of fine quality taffeta silk in all the new shades. **\$15.00**

Petticoats

Hearthloom Petticoats. \$1.49
Each pair \$2.50

Silk Petticoats. Sublimated in color.
Made of quality taffeta silk in the most recent modish designs. Full length. Fully lined. Former price \$16.00. **Now \$8.98**

Ladies' Blouses. **\$4.98**

semi-Princess One-Piece Dresses. Made of rayon or cotton twill moesline, in white and navy. Black or brown. Value \$24.00. At Shadyside **\$19.00**

Ladies' Sweaters

Women's Golf Sweaters. All wool, dyed. Braided neck. Horizontal, white and gray. Value \$12.00. At Shadyside **\$9.98**

Ladies' All-Wool Golf Coats. Sweaters, white, gray and navy. Full length. Former price \$22.00. Sale price **\$19.98**

Weights




This is one of our Fine Lawn
 Trimmed Silk Lined Net Waists at
 2.98.

Silk-Lined Net Waists. Trimmed
 with ruffled yoke medallions of
 imitation Irish point lace.
 very handsome. \$4.00 **2.98**
 value. Sale price.

**Fine Lawn and Polka Dot
 Waists.** also embroidered lace
 trimmed with lace in
 section. Value \$2.00, now

79c

**Of Sheer Persian Lawn or Hosiery
 batiste and linens very
 attractive models. Trimmed**

150 Waists. made of mesquite.

ored taffeta silk, hand embroidered linen, lace and braid, all taken from our \$7.50

they last	4.98	price	1.98
Indian and Kiowa's Coat			

Tourist Coats		Women's Garment Coats	
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Women's Casual Cloth Coats in various styles and models; hip, 3/4 and full length. Some collarless and others with shawl effect. Lined throughout with heavy satin. Former prices, \$15 to \$25. Sale price, \$9.98.

and 82¢ each, now	10.00	7.50	10.00
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Skins		Furs	
Ladies' and Misses' Skirts		Women's Fur Lined Coats	
200 Separate Skirts of head-to-head, velveteen and panama checks, formerly \$10.50	4.98	\$27.50 Coats reduced to...	10.00
		\$27.50 Coats reduced to...	25.00
		\$42.50 Coats reduced to...	25.00
		\$25.00 Coats reduced to...	25.00
		\$50.00 Coats reduced to...	40.00
		\$20.00 Russian Pig Coat...	10.00
Fancy Cheeks and Broadcloths.		Fur Sets	
In colors, side-plated with one and two folds, button trimmed and some with strap trimmings, regular \$5.00 and...	3.98	Ermine Sets...	5.98
		Positan Fur Sets...	7.98
		Int. Ermine Sets...	15.00
All-Wool Panama and Broadcloths. Also gray checks and black and white plaid in 100% wool.			

for reduces front voice	2.98	Sable Fox Sets.....	19.00	10.00
and \$6.00 to		Lynx Sets	39.00	25.00
Black French Voile , side plaited		Squirrel Sets	15.00	7.50

Blue Wolf Set	19.00	10.00
Jap. Mink Set	25.00	15.00

J. G. SMALL & CO.

525 Washington Street, Boston

\$150 Given Daily to Readers of This Story

THE MYSTIC KEY

Trace the Claws in This Chapter, Find the Keys and GET SOME OF THE MONEY

Synopsis

THE MYSTIC KEY, a story of mystery and suspense, is being told in this chapter. The story is set in the city of Boston, and the main characters are a young man named John, a young woman named Mary, and a man named Mr. Brown. The story is a mystery, and the reader is asked to trace the clues in this chapter, find the keys, and get some of the money.

Rules of Hunt.

No favoritism. This is a contest of skill. Success will depend upon ability to discover and follow the clues to the hidden key contained in each daily chapter of the story.

All keys must be brought to the office of the BOSTON AMERICAN as soon as found.

The girl with the \$50 MYSTIC KEY will not give you the money unless you ask her in exactly these words: "Are you the girl with the Great Mystic Key?"

Every person who finds a key should REMEMBER EXACTLY WHERE HE FOUND IT.

\$150 Daily Reward for Skill in Tracing the Claws



The BOSTON AMERICAN has hidden in its pages the one shown in this picture. The finder of this key will receive \$150 a day.

Circles to the whereabouts of these keys are set in today's chapter of "The Mystic Key." The first of these keys is a diamond ring, which is a key to the BOSTON AMERICAN, where it will be found for you.

The girl whose photograph appears on the cover of this paper has a large key, worth \$50 in gold to her.

In order to obtain this \$50, you must search the pages of the BOSTON AMERICAN and say: "Are you the girl with the Great Mystic Key?"

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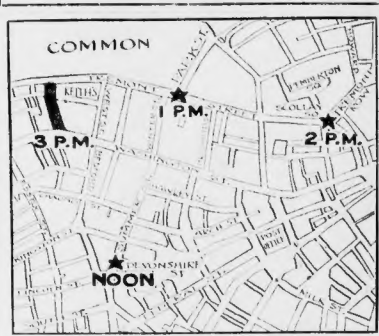
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Hudson Maxim, student, inventor and observer, joins the thoughtful rank of those who believe that big guns are the mightiest of peacemakers, and that the best way to prevent war is to be prepared for it.

Preparedness Is a Powerful Argument Against War.

Mr. Maxim is impressed with the bald, significant fact that the Japanese government has just completed the purchase of 750,000 rifle barrels from one of our own American steel companies just across the river from New York.

He is impressed with another fact—that Japan has at home a veteran army of 750,000 men, one for each American-made rifle barrel, while our own republic has only 78,000 men, half soldiers and half laborers and servants.

He joins to these facts the unparalleled and untiring activity of the Japanese arsenals, shipyards and governmental departments in an almost feverish preparation for a colossal war.

He very reasonably concludes from all the facts and evidence that Japan is expecting and preparing for a war with the United States, whether of her own seeking or of ours he has not determined to his own satisfaction.

And he does not hesitate to express the opinion, which is shared by millions of his countrymen, that the conservatism which insists upon viewing these conditions with apathy and inaction can be explained only by the theory that many prominent people of the United States are at this moment afflicted with a "dominating egotistic obsession" concerning our greatness and our power, while we correspondingly underestimate the strength and the power of other nations and other races.

Mr. Maxim's view fairly expresses the virile Americanism of to-day. We may or may not have a war with Japan. But the fact remains that Japan is making mysterious and tremendous preparations for a war with some nation. We do not know certainly that it is with us. But the consensus of opinion among the world's experts points to America as the probable and logical object of these unusual preparations. There is not a martial prophet in Europe who sees any other immediate antagonist in view.

Our own logical conception of commercial rivalries and strategic ports in the Pacific reinforces the universal suspicion. There is, to say the very least of it, enough in conditions to make it possible, and even probable, that Japan is arming and equipping for a grapple with us.

And if barely probable, or even possible, what is more in line with simple and level common sense that a nation with such tremendous interests at stake as ours should make preparation for not only probable but possible emergencies?

It is no provocation to war or threat of war if we should increase our navy and multiply and magnify our coast defences. It is rather the best and most effective invitation to peace.

The mere knowledge that we are unprepared and unequal is a standing invitation to every nation that wants something of ours, and has a great army and navy, to make an arrogant demand on America for what it wants.

But a big navy, superb coast defences and a well-equipped army is the best and only possible way in which we can return with dignity and safety a firm refusal to any unreasonable demand.

Note the effect of this policy on the Eastern relations of our government. At this period last year, the diplomats of Japan were bullying our State Department at Washington and arrogantly demanding all sorts of apologies and concessions for really trifling and insignificant incidents in San Francisco.

That was when we had no navy in the Pacific, and when Japan naturally thought she might pounce on our strategic Hawaii or the Philippines with impunity, and discredit America in the respect of the nations.

The President at Washington and the State Department saw the point and rose to the occasion in the only possible way.

And to-day, with our majestic and powerful fleet rounding the Strait of Magellan, and the Pacific Ocean churned by sixteen American battleships, Japan is as mild a mannered nation as ever made a treaty.

No trifles over restaurant squabbles or minor school differences awake her martial ire, and she is completing, or has already finished, an immigration arrangement entirely satisfactory to American demands with an amiability as admirable as her last year's demands were ardent.

The AMERICAN from the beginning has supported the President and the State Department in sending the fleet into the Pacific, because we saw then, as we see now, that the battle fleet at San Francisco has practically saved our country a war with Japan.

Preparedness is a logical and irresistible argument for peace.

By James J. Montague

Pl. Gitty-Cazzara satiated over the sea,
And a name like a slap-stick and melizer had he
And he came for the purpose of pushing along
The musical muse in the temple of song.
But alas! for the songsters who perched in the same,
No sooner they'd heard his astonishing name
Than all of their voices went on the pazzaz,
For all they could think of was "Gitty-Cazzara!"

CARUSO attempted full bravely to get His silver voice into the Lucia sextet. But though his high notes like a clarion rang. The following folly was all that he sang; "Di Mia, Czanza—Czanza! What's da mat? Czanza-Ca-Gatty Gzanza Da Giat! Sacrament! whata e nama da new bossa ha! Oh! Gatty-Czanza—Ma Gatty-Czanza!"

WHEN Sombirich had early and lightly begun To give Tetraxini a bit of a run, And show the new-comer that possibly she Was not quite the only bullfinch on the tree, The only emotions that she could exhale Resembled the song of a barrel of ale. "Mein Gott!" she exclaimed, "es ist doch zu viel an

AND soon all the audience took up the song. And like a steam heater, they rolled it along. While minor strains up toward the galleries fix Of "Gitty-Cazzara" and "Gatty-Cazis." Some warbled of mother, and some sang of home. But all that they sang about sounded like foam: "Maledicti!" cried Caruso, "da heve gotta spass, Est seeng about noth' but da Gitty-Cazzara!"



By T. E. Powers

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To Be Respected by Those Who Are Associated
with You Every Day—That Means Success
By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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WHATEVER you may be trying to accomplish in the world, earn to those dependent upon you now, and leave them to the enjoyment of it, and so your way.

W and however you may be hindered by fate from realizing the goal of your dreams, there are a few things you can do to help.

things you can accomplish which will help humanity and at the same time help you to mould your own character into fairer lines of harmony.

In the daily life you live, whether it is in a home or a boarding house, a hotel or a club, whether you are man or woman, married or single, you are in daily contact with your human kind, and it lies in your power to put into every-
 cause you have *not* made a success of your life, why and the more disastrous failure as a good husband and father?
 Why not resolve to be the *best* man living in those capacities? There is no success so great on earth as the success

That commandment, perhaps you remember, begins "Do unto others," and means *do as you would be done by*.

If you are a bachelor living in a hotel, you can think of this commandment when you wait for a fairly elevator boy to answer your ring, or when the breakfast you have ordered in a hurry comes slowly to the table; or when you find things at your office which are displeas-

Practical Religion
HERE is a chance to use a little practical religion—the religion of patience and kindness—and to restrain the

Half the unhappiness of the world comes from blaming the wrong person. A good share of the other half comes from withholding deserved words of praise.

If you are a married man, put the same rule into practice at home. However hard you may be working, and however desirous you are to make a success for the sake of your family, remember that money success can never recompense you for a life of failure in the world, and if all you attempt to do fails, you are you a glorious success if the home you occupy awakens your love, gratitude and respect.

If you are such a man, devoid of self-control and rarely conversing with your family, save to criticize or find fault, you may as well make over what you

Little Editorials from the People

Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Saturday's **ROTON AMERICAN**, when she says: "I heard a young man of seventeen given three errands to perform not long ago. He was on an hour's trolley ride for that purpose. He returned with one errand accomplished—he had forgotten the other two. This sort of mind never achieves and will

success under any conditions, and will always lay its failures to 'fate.' But it will not be fate's doing—it will be his **Mattapan**